

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Janna Taylor, on February 8, 2007 at 10:30 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Janna Taylor, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Rep. John Sinrud (R)  
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mike Burke, OBPP  
Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary  
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch  
Brent Doig, OBPP  
Pat Gervais, Legislative Branch  
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Branch  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Executive Action: Secretary of State's Office  
Department of Revenue  
Department of Administration

**SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE**

**DP 4 HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT-BIENNIAL**

00:00:01 Rep. Taylor  
00:01:58 Rep. Sesso  
00:05:58 Rep. Taylor  
00:06:03 Rep. Sesso  
00:06:55 Mark Simonich, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State's  
Office  
00:10:07 Rep. Sesso  
00:11:14 Rep. Taylor  
00:11:39 Greg DeWitt  
00:12:52 Rep. Sesso  
00:13:25 Rep. Taylor  
00:13:34 Mr. DeWitt  
00:13:59 Rep. Sinrud  
00:14:21 Rep. Sesso  
00:14:51 Rep. Taylor  
  
00:15:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Stapleton moved that DP 4 **BE  
ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

00:15:25 Rep. Taylor  
00:16:49 Sen. Laible  
00:17:41 Sen. Stapleton  
00:17:49 Rep. Taylor  
00:18:18 Sen. Stapleton  
00:20:26 Sen. Laible  
00:20:59 Rep. Sinrud  
00:22:09 Sen. Stapleton  
00:22:21 Rep. Taylor  
00:22:40 Sen. Stapleton  
00:24:37 Rep. Sinrud  
00:25:05 Sen. Laible  
00:26:35 Sen. Stapleton

00:26:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sinrud moved **TO CREATE A  
SUBCOMMITTEE** of Sen. Stapleton and Rep. Sesso to work  
with Secretary of State's Office. Motion carried  
unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

00:27:56 Mr. DeWitt  
00:28:37 Rep. Sesso  
00:29:01 Rep. Sinrud

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00:29:28 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved to **ADD LANGUAGE** to Secretary of State's budget that "there shall be allocated up to \$100,000 to funds to be used for voter registration."

**Discussion:**

00:30:37 Mr. DeWitt  
00:30:58 Rep. Sesso  
00:31:12 Mr. DeWitt  
00:31:56 Rep. Sinrud  
00:32:18 Rep. Taylor  
00:32:24 Mr. DeWitt  
00:32:51 Sen. Laible  
00:33:54 Rep. Sinrud  
00:34:08 Rep. Sesso **withdrew** his motion.  
00:34:21 Rep. Taylor  
00:34:36 Rep. Sinrud  
00:35:02 Rep. Sesso  
00:35:40 Rep. Sinrud  
00:36:00 Rep. Sesso

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPT OF REVENUE**

00:36:54 Mr. DeWitt

**DP 202 FREE ELECTRONIC FILING**

00:39:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved DP 202 Part 1 **BE ADOPTED** as presented. Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McChesney, Sen. Williams, Rep. Sesso and Sen. Larson voting aye.

**Discussion:**

00:42:04 Mr. DeWitt  
00:42:51 Amy Sassano  
00:44:14 Rep. Sinrud  
00:44:41 Ms. Sassano  
00:46:05 Margaret Kauska, Department of Revenue  
00:46:45 Rep. Sinrud  
00:47:01 Ms. Kauska  
00:47:25 Rep. Sinrud  
00:48:23 Ms. Sassano

**DP 201 VENDOR COSTS**

00:50:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved DP 201, Part 1a, Vendor Costs **BE ADOPTED** as presented. Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Sinrud and Rep. Taylor voting no.

00:52:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved DP 201, Part 1b, Mid-tier to Department of Administration. Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Sinrud and Rep. Taylor voting no.

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

00:54:06 Mr. DeWitt

**DP 701 SUPERCOMPUTER COSTS**

00:56:43 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved that DP 701 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McChesney, Sen. Williams, Sen. Larson and Rep. Sesso voting aye.

**Discussion:**

00:57:59 Rep. Sinrud  
00:58:22 Rep. Sesso  
00:59:33 Sen. Stapleton  
01:00:27 Rep. Sesso  
01:04:03 Sen. Laible  
01:09:01 Sen. Stapleton  
01:09:49 Rep. Sesso

**DP 1401 FUND PROFESSIONAL CAREER LADDER PROGRAM**

01:11:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sinrud moved DP 1401 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Laible voting no.

01:13:36 Rep. Sinrud  
01:13:44 Mr. DeWitt

**FUNDING SWITCH FOR .10 FTE IN THE PROCARD PROGRAM**

01:14:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sinrud moved DP 602 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**FUNDING SWITCH FOR .60 FTE IN THE FUELING PROGRAM**

01:15:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sinrud moved DP 606 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:15:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sinrud moved to adjourn. Motion failed 5-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Sinrud, Sen. Laible and Rep. Taylor voting aye.

**DP 6010 PERSONAL SERVICES ADJUSTMENTS**

01:16:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved DP 6010 **ADOPTED globally.**  
Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote with Rep.  
McChesney, Sen. Williams, Rep. Sesso and Sen. Larson  
voting aye.

01:17:14 Rep. Sinrud

01:17:24 Mr. DeWitt

**DP 6010 STATE TAX APPEAL BOARD**

01:18:15 **Motion:** Rep. Sinrud moved DP 6010 **BE ADOPTED** for state  
tax appeal board.

**Discussion:**

01:18:49 Sen. Laible

01:19:03 Mr. DeWitt

01:19:31 Rep. Sinrud

01:19:59 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote with Rep.  
Sinrud, Sen. Laible, Sen. Stapleton and Rep. Taylor  
voting aye.

01:20:34 Mr. DeWitt

01:21:37 Rep. Sinrud

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

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REP. JANNA TAYLOR, Chairman

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DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([jgh28aad.pdf](#))**